sine die and be summoned again in the month of Idavam or Mithunam for the introduction of Mr. A. G. Menon's Kanapattom Bill. I do not think it is necessary to adjourn the Council. It is always within the power of the Dewan to summon a meeting of the Council. I shall consider your request carefully and if it is found expedient or necessary to summon a special meeting before the Budget Session, I shall certainly do so.

Now this Session is prorogued.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Sir, Is it a fact that probably the next meeting of the Council would be presided over by another Dewan?

PRESIDENT : Yes. It will be presided over by another Dewan because Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent has been graciously pleased to permit me to retire from the end of my present term of office.

The President left the Council chamber and went to his retiring room. Soon after at the request of the Deputy President and some of the members he came back to the council chamber took his seat in the Presidential chair.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): Sir, it is with considerable regret and disappointment that we heard just now from your mouth that you have decided to lay down the reins of the high and exalted office of the Dewan of this State. And it naturally follows that this is therefore the last meeting over which you are presiding. Sir, the vast multitude of modern problems that confront an administrator in modern days should necessarily impose such a severe strain that it cannot be a matter for surprise that you have after four years of strenuos labour and toil decided to seek rest. The wonder is that you have not broken down under the strain and we are glad that you are retiring from your office, high office, in the fulness of mental and physical vigour.

Sir, in this Council, we of the non-official side, do not form an opposition to the Government. We are here for the express purpose of helping the Government in all their reasonable measures. Our object here is to show the other side of the picture and to draw the attention of the Government to how their various measures affect the people looked at from the point of view of the people themselves. In our endeavours in this direction we are very glad to acknowledge that you have extended to us considerable assistance and rendered our task easy. (*Applause*). You have also appreciated our labours in this connection. Sir, it seems to me that immediately after you took up the reins of administration, you laid your finger unerringly at the weakest spot where attention was required. It is no exaggeration to say that, after the illustrious Raja Kesava Das, the one Dewan who gave intelligent and informed attention to the problems of trade and commerce of this country is you. (*Hear! hear!*) You have looked at the administrative problems from an altogether entirely new angle of vision and the result is there is a considerable amount of mass awakening as regards commerce and trade. The volume of trade has immensely increased and all other activities in that direction have also considerably increased. Your sole object, as I can understand it from your own performance of

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the year, was to place the economic prosperity of the country on a sure and secure foundation. I am glad to be able to say, and I am sure my brethren on this side of the House will appreciate the fact, that you have given a great stimulus to agriculture and to industries of various kinds, to markets, sanitation and all other things that promote the happiness of the people.

Sir, these operations are necessarily slow; the results are not immediate; nor are they spectacular or demonstrable. In times to come they will be fully visible to the people, and then the people of Travancore will realise to whom they are indebted for all these blessings. The time will soon arrive when you can lay down your office with the fullest conviction that you have done everything possible to regenerate the economic position of this country.

Sir, there is another direction in which also you have laboured hard and that is in regard to maintaining unimpaired the privileges and rights of this State in its fiscal, commercial and political aspects. It is common knowledge that your famous memorandum to the Butler Commission is an epoch-making record in the relationship between the Indian States and British India (*Applause*). You have also, Sir, behind the screen, fought many a valiant battle in regard to fiscal and political rights and so many other rights. These are not also visible. The results will accrue one day when the people of Travancore will open their eyes and see to which great statesman they are indebted for this blessing.

Sir, you have done a great deal for the improvement of the public health of the State. Sir, it used to be written in Administration Reports that there was no outbreak of cholera and malaria and that the public health of the State was therefore very satisfactory. Sir, what an appalling ignorance this statement discloses is known from the fact that over 96 per cent of the people are being bled by the tiny little worm (ankylostomiasis). You have with the assistance and the special skill and knowledge of the representative of the Rockefeller Foundation done everything possible to improve the public health of this country. You are therefore indebted to our gratitude here also. Markets have also engaged your attention and you have shown to the people what their significance is in the economy of the State. Internal trade and commerce have developed in all directions. In fact there is now a great awakening in the people due to your exertions to improve the economic condition of the people.

Sir, I began by saying that you laid your finger at the right spot. What model Travancore wanted is economic regeneration. You have seized that idea and you are working at it and you are entitled to our lasting gratitude.

Sir, it is always sad to bid farewell. As I said before, if the holder of a high office continues for long, he should necessarily break down before he earns the well-earned rest, but you are retiring, as I said before, fully strong and healthy, and we wish you all success and all prosperity in your future life. (Hear! hear! and continued cheers).

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MR. R. RAMAN PILAI (*Kottayam*): എന്റെ മനസ്സ് ദുഃഖഭരിതമായിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ രണ്ടുവാക്കു എനിക്കും പറയേണ്ടതു് അത്യാവശ്യമായിട്ടുതോന്നുന്നു. എന്റെ രസനാബന്ധനം ചെയ്ത അവസരത്തിൽ സഹസ്രശീർഷാളിയായ ചില പത്രപ്രവർത്തകന്മാർ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷനെയും എന്നെ തന്നെയും ആക്ഷേപിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ അതൊന്നും അദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ അവർകളുടെ ഹൃദയത്തിന്റെ അന്തർഭാഗത്തുനിന്നും വന്നിട്ടുള്ളതല്ല. അപ്പോഴപ്പോൾ യാദൃശ്ചികമായ് വന്നുകൂടിയതു മാത്രമേയുള്ളു. അതു അവരെ ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതിനാണ് എന്റെ രസനാബന്ധനത്തെ ഒഴിച്ചുകിട്ടണമെന്ന് ഞാൻഇന്ന അദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ അവർകളോടു അപേക്ഷിച്ചതു്. അദ്ദേഹം എന്റെ രസനാബന്ധനത്തെ വിടുത്തിതരികയും ചെയ്തു. ഇതിൽ നിന്നും പ്രസ്തുത പത്രപ്രവർത്തകന്മാരുടെ അഭിപ്രായത്തിനു ഭേദംവന്നിരിക്കുമെന്നും വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നു. അനുദ്യോഗസ്ഥമെമ്പർമാരുടെ നായകൻ അഭിപ്രായപ്പെട്ടതുപോലെ ബട്ട്ളർ കമ്മറിമുമ്പാകെ അവിടുന്നു സമർപ്പിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള റിപ്പോർട്ടുമാത്രമല്ല മഹാറാണിറീജൻറു തിരുമനസ്സിലെ ഭരണകാലത്തെ എന്നന്നേയ്ക്കും ശോഭായമാനമാക്കി തീർക്കത്തക്കവണ്ണമുള്ളതും തിരുവിതാംകൂർ ജനതതിക്കു ഗുണകരമായി മേലാൽ വന്നുകൂടാവുന്നതുമായ നീണ്ടകരപ്പാലം, പള്ളിവാശൽ–നേരിയമംഗലംറോഡു, ഇവ വമ്പിച്ച തുകകൊണ്ടു ചിലവാക്കി നടത്തിച്ചതു ഈ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ അവർകളുടെ ഭരണകാലത്താണ്. അതിന്റെ എല്ലാം ഫലം പിന്നീടു ഈ നാട്ടുകാർ അനുഭവിച്ചുഅറിഞ്ഞുകൊള്ളുമെന്നു അദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ അവർകൾക്കുതന്നെ അഭിപ്രായമുണ്ടെന്നാണു കഴിഞ്ഞ ഒരവസരത്തിൽ എനിക്കു ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെട്ടതു. നെൽകരം നിമിത്തം കഷ്ടത അനുഭവിച്ചുവന്നിരുന്ന തിരുവിതാംകൂർ ജനതതിയെ അതിൽനിന്നും ഒഴിപ്പിച്ച ഇവിടെ ദിവാൻജിയായിരുന്ന മഹാനായ വി. പി. മാധവറാവു അവർകൾക്കു തിരുവിതാംകൂറിനെ പെട്ടെന്നു വിട്ടുപോകേണ്ടിവന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്. അദ്ദേഹം നെൽകരം നിറുത്തിയകാലത്തു തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ ജനങ്ങളിൽ പലരും അദ്ദേഹം ദീർഘകാലം ഈ രാജ്യം ഭരിക്കണമെന്നു വിചാരമുള്ളവരായിരുന്നു. പക്ഷേ ആ ആഗ്രഹം സാധിച്ചില്ല. അപ്രകാരംതന്നെ വിശാലഹൃദയനും രാജ്യഭക്തനും രാജ്യത്തിന്റെ അഭിവൃദ്ധിക്കുവേണ്ടി ഇതുയും കാലം പ്രയത്നിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരുന്ന മഹാനുമായ അങ്ങും കുറേകാലംകൂടി ഈ രാജ്യത്തെ ഭരിക്കണമെന്നു ഈ രാജ്യവാസികളായ പലർക്കും ആഗ്രഹം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ആ ആഗ്രഹവും നിർഭാഗ്യവശാൽ സാധിക്കാതേ വന്നു എന്നു പറയുന്നതിനു എനിക്കു അത്യധികമായ മനസ്താപമുണ്ട്.

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എനിക്കു പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും ഈ അദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ അവർകളിൽനിന്നും യാതൊരു ലാഭവും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല ഇപ്രകാരം പറയുന്നതെന്നു എല്ലാവക്കും അറിയാവുന്നതാണു്. അതല്ല വെറുതെ സ്തുതിപറയുകയാണെന്നു ആരെങ്കിലും വിചാരിക്കുന്നുവെങ്കിൽ അതു് അവരുടെ ബുദ്ധിശൂന്യതയുടെ ഫലമെന്നേ വിചാരിക്കാനുള്ളൂ. ഇതുയും രാജ്യഭക്തിയോടുകൂടി പ്രവർത്തിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ദിവാൻജിമാരിൽ ഈ അടുത്തകാലത്തു വി. പി. മാധവറാവു അവർകളെ ഒഴിച്ചാൽ അവിടന്നാണെന്നു പറയുന്നതിനു എനിക്കു അശേഷം ധൈര്യക്കുറവില്ല. അങ്ങു ഉദ്യോഗത്തിൽനിന്നു പിരിഞ്ഞുകഴിഞ്ഞാലും തിരുവിതാംകൂർ രാജ്യവാസികളുടെ ഗുണത്തിനുവേണ്ടി ജനങ്ങളോടുചേർന്നു ഇനിയും ദീർഘകാലം പ്രവർത്തിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതിനു വേണ്ടുവോളം ആയുസ്സും ശരീരബലവും ബുദ്ധിശക്തിയും അങ്ങയ്ക്കു തരുമാറാകട്ടേ എന്നു ജഗദീശ്വരനോടു പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. അങ്ങു വേർപിരിയുന്ന സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ ജനിച്ചുവളർന്ന എന്റെ അടുത്ത നാട്ടുകാരനും ഉത്തമനുമായ ഒരാളാണു് അടുത്ത ദിവാൻജിയായി വരുന്നതു് എന്നുള്ളതുകൊണ്ടു തിരുവിതാംകൂർരാജകുടുംബത്തോടു ഭക്തിയുള്ള ഈ രാജ്യവാസികളെ ഇതിലും കൂടുതലായി രാജഭക്തിയോടുകൂടി ഭരിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുപോകുമെന്നു ആശിക്കുന്നു.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): സർ, ചേർത്തല നിയോജകമണ്ഡലത്തിലെ പ്രതിനിധിയായ ഞാൻ ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ രണ്ടുവാക്കു പറഞ്ഞില്ലെങ്കിൽ അതു് കൃതനിർവ്വഹണത്തിലുള്ള എന്റെ ഒരു തോൽവിയായിത്തീരുമെന്നു ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നു. അതിനാൽ ഞാൻ പറയുന്ന രണ്ടു വാക്കു ദയാപൂർവ്വം കേൾക്കണമെന്നു അപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.

ഞങ്ങളെ ഇതരതാലൂക്കുകളുമായിട്ടു സംബന്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനും മറുരാജ്യങ്ങളിലും അടുത്ത പ്രദേശങ്ങളിലും സഞ്ചരിക്കുന്നതിനുമുള്ള സൌകര്യം ഞങ്ങൾക്കു കിട്ടുന്നതിനും ഭാഗ്യം സിദ്ധിച്ചതു അവിടത്തെ ഭരണം ആരംഭിച്ചതിനുശേഷമാണു്. ഈ ഒറ്റ സംഗതി എന്റെ നിയോജകമണ്ഡലത്തിലുള്ള അളകഠം വളരെ നന്ദിയോടുകൂടി സ്മരിക്കുന്നതാണെന്നുള്ള സംഗതിയെ അറിയിച്ചുകൊണ്ടും അവിടത്തേക്കു് സർവ്വ മംഗളങ്ങളും ആശംസിച്ചുകൊണ്ടും ഞാൻ ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ വിരമിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

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MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): പ്രജാവത്സലയായ മഹാറാണിറീജന്റു തിരുമനസ്സിലെ കാരുണ്യാതിരേകത്താൽ തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ മന്ത്രിപദത്തിൽ അത്ഭുതപൂർവ്വമായി ഒരു സ്വദേശി ദിവാനെ നിയമിച്ച അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ഭരണതന്ത്രത്തിന്റേയും ബുദ്ധിവൈശിഷ്ട്യത്തിന്റേയും ഫലമായി രാജ്യത്തു പലതരത്തിലുള്ള പരിഷ്കാരങ്ങളും നടപ്പിൽ വരുത്തുകയും, രാജ്യത്തെ കോശസ്ഥിതി പൂർവ്വാധികം—അതായതു അടുത്തകാലത്തൊന്നും ഇപ്രകാരം വരുമെന്നു പ്രജകൾ പ്രതീക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടില്ലാത്തവിധത്തിൽ—അഭിവൃദ്ധിപ്പെടുത്തുകയും ഗതാഗതസൌകര്യം, കച്ചവടം, വ്യവസായം മുതലായ വിഷയങ്ങളിൽ വലുതായ അഭിവൃദ്ധി രാജ്യത്തു വരുത്തുകയും ചെയ്തശേഷം ആ മന്ത്രിപുംഗവൻ രാജ്യംവിടാൻ പോകുന്നതായ ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ വേർപാടിൽ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു—വിശിഷ്യ അദ്ദേഹത്തിൽ നിന്നും പലഗുണങ്ങളും സിദ്ധിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള കൃതജ്ഞന്മാരായ ജനങ്ങൾക്കു—സങ്കടമുണ്ടാകുമെന്നുള്ളതു സാധാരണമാണു്. രാജ്യത്തെ ദിവാൻജിയുടെയും, നിയമസഭയിലെ പ്രസിഡന്റിന്റെയും നിലയിൽ, സർ, അവിടന്നു അനുഭാവപൂർവ്വം പല നല്ലകാര്യങ്ങൾക്കുവേണ്ടി ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നുള്ള സംഗതി ഞങ്ങളെല്ലാപേരും എന്നും സ്മരിക്കുന്നതാണു്. അവിടന്നു ഞങ്ങളെ വിട്ടുപിരിയുന്ന ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ അവിടത്തേയ്ക്കു സകലവിധമായ മംഗളങ്ങളും ആശംസിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു. (*Hear, hear*). അവിടന്നു ദീർഘായുഷ്മാനായിരിക്കയും, അവിടത്തെ ഉൽകൃഷ്ടകൃത്യങ്ങളാൽ വർദ്ധമാനമായ കീർത്തിയെ ലോകത്തിൽ പരത്തുകയും, ഇഹത്തിലും പരത്തിലും സകലവിധമായ സൌഭാഗ്യവും സുഖവും ഉണ്ടാകയും ചെയ്യണമെന്നും ഈശ്വരനെ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കയും ചെയ്യുന്നു.

RAO BAHADUR K. A. KRISHNA AIYANGAR (*Nominated, Deputy President*): Sir, I must thank you at the outset for having kindly responded to our invitation to come back to the Council Chamber after you left it, adjourning it after the day's business. Personally, Sir, you may not attach any importance to anything in the nature of a formal expression of regard and esteem by the members of the Legislative Council. But from my stand-point we shall be deemed to be guilty of serious discourtesy, of failing in our duty, if we did not convey to you our feelings of appreciation, good-will and good-wishes for your welfare in the future, after your announcing to us that Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent has been graciously pleased to permit you to retire from an office which you held with distinction for about four years. I associate myself whole-heartedly with all that has been so eloquently expressed by my friend Mr. Madhavan Pillai and others.

To me, Sir, the first announcement that you were selected by Her Highness the Maha Rani Regent as Her Minister came with a

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feeling of surprise. I am sure you are not going to misunderstand me; you have known me so long. I was just wondering how a Travancorean by birth who left the country years ago and has been working in various fields of activity elsewhere should be considered to be peculiarly qualified to take up the charge of administration merely by the fact that he was born in Travancore. The special significance of a Travancorean being acclaimed as the Dewan is a generous, earnest and honest conviction that he will do his level best to advance the material and moral interests of the country in which he was born. But after I had the privilege of a personal acquaintance with you, Sir, a privilege which I value very highly, two outstanding features struck me as certainly ensuring the success of your administration and your success in life. I am highly impressed with your brilliant intellectual equipment and your dynamic energy (*Applause*). As one brought up in the hard school of law it is difficult for me to indulge in the language of a courtier and I trust you will acquit me of any such weakness. Your brilliant intellectual equipment, your strength of purpose and dynamic energy would, I felt, if only you were inclined to advance the interests of the country, help you considerably in accomplishing your task. And the hopes that I entertained at the outset have not been falsified. I may say, Sir, they have been fully realised. Each administration is characterised by certain special features. If I am asked to single out the particular features of your administration which are likely to be remembered in the coming decades, I will mention your great interest in furthering the interests of trade and industry and your infinite faith in the necessity of increasing communications throughout the land. That you have enabled us to go from Cape Comorin to Parur and to Cochin in a motor car is a condition that I never dreamt would be realised within my life-time. Perhaps, if I am not betraying something confidential, when I was asked to take up the Deputy Presidentship of the Legislative Council, I entered into a bargain with your predecessor that he must connect Alleppey with the road-system of the State by linking up Haripad and Ambalapuzha, just to enable us to come to the Capital at the earliest stage. I had an assurance that an earnest attempt would be made in the direction of carrying out the word but it was only after the first Council was dissolved and after I ceased to be Deputy President of the Council that the P. W. D. finished the work and we were able to cross over to Haripad in a motor car. Since then, tremendous changes have occurred; what was probably regarded as not a part of Travancore, the Shertallai taluk, has had the advantage of being put into touch with the main road-system of the State, taking us on to the Cochin frontier. To my mind the generous expenditure that you allowed to be incurred in the development of communications must mark out your administration as evidence of considerable foresight that the future development of the country depends very largely upon the facilities of communication from one part of the country to the other. I have long been, Sir, a believer in communications contributing very largely to the development of trade, industry and agriculture in the land. You have enabled us to secure these within a short period.

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[Rao Bahadur K. A. Krishna Aiyangar.]

Perhaps, Sir, if we are strictly addressing you as President of the Legislative Council, you might rule us out of order. It was an advantage to us, your adjourning the Council and coming back, so that we are able to tell you what we thought, and what we think, of your other activities during the period of your administration. As a member of this Council I have had the privilege of working under you only for a short space of 8 months. Two events struck me very prominently in your relation with the members of this House. I noticed that you were generally very courteous and you were equally firm. The other point that struck me was that you did not feel considerably upset when Government was defeated on any motion. You took it in a sporting spirit. After all, as my friend Mr. Madhavan Pillai put it, we are not here arrayed on opposite sides. The opposition is not an opposition as it is known in western countries. Though nominally opposed, we are here to co-operate with the Government so that with the joint efforts of both sides of the House, the moral and material interests of the country may be advanced. It is therefore unfair if the Government should regard a defeat as anything in the nature of a censure by a body that is waiting over-anxiously to step into the shoes of those who for the time being are wielding political power. That certainly, Sir, helps to do our duty fairly well without any feeling of misgiving or despair. That is absolutely essential. It is unfortunate that under the constitution the Dewan of the State happens to be the President of the Legislative Council. I know there are occasions when your duty as President must certainly conflict with your duty as Dewan. Whatever your personal views may be on administrative questions coming before the Council, as the Dewan of the State, there was no anxiety, unreasonable anxiety, illegitimate anxiety in you to secure a victory in any event. You were prepared to accept a defeat in a sporting spirit. That certainly will help the future working of the Council on more satisfactory lines.

It seems to me, Sir, it would not be fair for us to take more of your time. I feel that it is due from us to you to say these few words, and to convey to you our feelings of regard and good-wishes for your future success in life. The outstanding qualities that I referred to at the outset are a guarantee that there is scope for you to do plenty of useful work in other fields and that you have several years of useful activity before you. Once more, we thank you for the opportunity that you gave us, to express our regard and good wishes.

DEWAN PRESIDENT:—Mr. Krishna Aiyangar, and gentlemen of the Legislative Council, I very much appreciate the good feeling and the good-will which has prompted you to ask me to come back and to say so many pleasant things about me. It is somewhat embarrassing to sit down and listen to compliments. I take the expressions which fell from your lips to-day to be something more than compliments and to be genuine expressions of good-will. The Council, I look upon as really of tremendous value to the Government. It is often said that Councils and Assemblies in the Indian States are a make-believe and merely decorative institutions. That is not so in the case of Travancore. The

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Legislative Council here, following a steadfast course of evolution, has been in existence in this State since 1888,—that is, for 41 years—during which it has done good, valuable work which has redounded to the good of the country generally, and it is a standing monument to all who may wish to see that the association of the people with the administration is possible in a State like this where education and the democratic spirit prevail to a very high degree. In fact we may say now that the Legislative Council is part and parcel of the constitutional system that has evolved itself in the State during the last 70 years and more. The hands of the clock cannot be put back, and I am quite sure that whatever movement this Council makes in future, will be a forward movement towards strengthening the feeling of associating the people with the Government more and more closely (*Hear, hear*) and more and more effectively (*Applause*). I may mention that before I came here to preside over this Council, the only other constitutional body that I had watched at work, or ever attended, was the House of Commons, for I had neglected for some reason or other to attend the meetings either of the Madras or of the Bengal Council, or of that of the Government of India. Thus I have had but one standard to go by.

I wish to say two or three things that struck me very forcibly in this Council. This Council, I particularize the non-official side, has never been unreasonable. Whenever the Government came forward with a proposition which had reason at its foundation, this Council has always supported the Government whole-heartedly. Another matter I noticed was that this Council has never comported itself in such a manner as to tie the hands of Government and cripple the executive. There is another feature I have noticed about the Council which redounds to its credit, and that is that members have all along, during my experience of this Council, expressed themselves in temperate language and with the object of convincing others and not of wounding the feelings of others. There is one other aspect of this Council I should like to mention and that is this: The ready, the unquestioning obedience the Council has invariably given to the Chair. Such acceptance of constituted authority in the position of the Chair is a first essential to constitutional Government and the fact that members of the Travancore Legislative Council have that capacity so strongly developed shows that the constitutional instinct is strong in the people of Travancore.

I thank all of you for the help you, the members of the Council, have rendered me in my capacity as Dewan here during the last four years. And my thanks extend not merely to the members of this Council but also to the members of the last Council who are no longer here. Before I sit down, and before I finish with the subject of the Council, I must also complete the expression of my obligations by tendering my thanks to the Government benches. I thank you all warmly. (*Loud Applause.*)

The Council was prorogued at 5-20 P. M.

T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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